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DECLARATION OF PAULA R. SUNDSTROM, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I, Paula R. Sundstrom, Ph.D., declare the following:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in referenced patent application, Serial No. 09/725,010.

- 2. I have read and I am familiar with the Office Action mailed 7 April 2004 pertaining to the referenced application. I understand that in the Office Action mailed 7 April 2004 the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-7, 11, 19-21 and 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description and enablement.
- 3. I have also read and am familiar with the concurrently-filed Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Specifically, I have reviewed the claims as amended. Currently amended claim 1 reads as follows:

"A method comprising the step of:

inhibiting attachment of *C. albicans* to human tissue by interfering with DNA binding proteins specific to UAS regions of the promoter of *HWP1* present during germ tube formation in said *C. albicans*."

4. The specification of the referenced application and, specifically, the experiments described therein as supported by the data presented herein, fully describe and enable, in my

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